

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 151 is amended. A listing of all claims along with their status is provided below.

1.– 145. **(Canceled)**

146. **(Previously Added)** An isolated polynucleotide comprising at least 50 contiguous nucleotides of a sequence selected from SEQ ID NO:253 and the complement thereof.

147. **(Previously Added)** A vector comprising a polynucleotide of claim 146.

148. **(Previously Added)** A host cell comprising the vector of claim 147.

149. **(Previously Added)** An isolated polynucleotide comprising at least 50 contiguous nucleotides of SEQ ID NO:253 and which hybridizes under stringent conditions to a polynucleotide of a sequence selected from SEQ ID NO:253 and the complement thereof.

150. **(Previously Added)** The polynucleotide of claim 149, wherein hybridization is conducted at least 50°C and using 0.1XSSC (9 mM saline/0.9 mM sodium citrate).

151. **(Currently Amended)** A polynucleotide comprising at least 50 contiguous nucleotides of either strand of a nucleotide sequence of an insert contained in a vector deposited as clone number M00001448D:C09 of A.T.C.C. Deposit Number ~~207068~~ **207032**, wherein the insert is a human cDNA and the clone is obtained from a human cDNA library.

152. **(Previously Added)** An isolated polynucleotide comprising at least 50 contiguous nucleotides of SEQ ID NO:253, said polynucleotide obtained by amplifying a fragment of cDNA using at least one polynucleotide primer comprising at least 15 contiguous nucleotides of a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of: SEQ ID NO: 253 and the complement thereof.

153. **(Previously Added)** A vector comprising a polynucleotide of claim 152.

154. **(Previously Added)** A host cell comprising the vector of claim 153.